



Human Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room, 7th Floor
November 15, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Smith called the November 15, 2011, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Linda Smith, Chair, Rob Spier, Vice Chair, Margie Albritton, Elizabeth Stevens

City of Renton Staff: Karen Bergsvik, Dianne Utecht, Carol Allread

Absent

Alicia Glenwell, Charles Gray, Robin Jones, Adria Krail, Nicole Wicks

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the September minutes was deferred until the December meeting.

III. AGENCY PRESENTATION:

YWCA Children's Domestic Violence Program

JoJo Gaon, Director of Domestic Violence Services, YWCA, spoke to the Committee about the Children's Domestic Violence Program. It is a ten week in-home program. Year to date the program has served 22 Renton children. This program uses specifically designed activities such as artwork to help children understand and heal from the effects of witnessing domestic violence. Recognized as a national model, it also teaches children safety planning, problem-solving, and behavior management. The program also works to help the children mend their relationship with their mother (typically the non-abuser) as it is often fractured by the cycle of abuse. Unfortunately the program has lost its funding for the case worker that speaks Spanish; the program serves many Spanish speaking families.

IV. HSAC VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT

Volunteers for Nominating Committee

Applications for the two open positions for an adult member and a youth member are being solicited, and the announcement is on the City's website, and has been sent to agencies we fund, neighborhood associations, and community contacts. The

application deadline is November 25, 2011. Current members are encouraged to refer friends and colleagues they think would be a good fit. Rob, Linda, and Margie volunteered to be on a Nominating Committee to review applications, do interviews, and make recommendations to Karen.

Nicole and Margie's terms expire at the end of December, 2011. Nicole has expressed a desire to be reappointed.

V. THIRD QUARTER AGENCY PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Dianne reported that Renton Area Youth and Family Services did not meet one of their four performance goals for third quarter, unduplicated clients. They lost staff which caused a delay in recruiting clients. They have hired new staff and anticipate meeting their goal of 36 unduplicated clients for the year.

Nine agencies submitted their quarterly reports after the deadline of October 10, however, all of the reports were turned in within a week of the deadline. Many other cities require reports by the fifteenth of the month, so there may have been confusion because of the different due dates.

VI. RECOGNITION OF ROLF

Karen shared that the cost of a park bench is between \$1,500 and \$3,000, and that no notation is made on the bench that it was donated in memory of someone. A decision about how to honor Rolf's service to the Committee was tabled until the December meeting as many members were absent today.

VII. SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT

The partnership between City of Renton staff, the Renton School District and community sites was successful again this year. There were 15,300 lunches served at 16 sites this summer, an increase from the 11,500 served last year. Volunteers provided a number of activities at some sites this year and attendance was up on those days. The Renton Management Association provided \$100 in art supplies so that the kids at Sunset Terrace (Renton Housing Authority) could participate in the national Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. A nine year old girl at Sunset Terrace was one of the twelve winners. She will receive a \$100 savings bond. The return of the Seafair clowns to Heritage Park on August 17 to hand out school supplies was a huge success. The Mayor, Council members, and the Seafair clowns gave out 319 bags of school supplies.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION TRAINING, NOV 30, 5:30-8:30PM

The Board and Commission Training is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center. Dinner will be served and guest Caprice Hollins will speak on Cross Cultural Connections. Members are encouraged to attend, as the Board and Commission Training is a good opportunity to network and learn how other boards work.

IX. UPDATES:

1) Severe Weather Shelter: Council approved the two Memorandums of Understanding between the City and Harambee Church, and the City and Catholic Community Services. The shelter will operate from November 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012. Harambee Church will be the site for this shelter. It will open at 9:00 p.m. and close at 7:00 a.m. Catholic Community Services will oversee the shelter, do the initial screening of guests, and provide staff to stay at the shelter overnight. The City will provide the funding, cots and blankets (those currently at Renton Community Center for emergencies), make the determination as to when the shelter will open, transport the cots and blankets to the shelter, and let the public/homeless know the shelter is open. Harambee will provide the space, volunteers, and food for the guests.

2) HRAP Policy Changes: Karen presented the two HRAP policy changes to the Community Services Committee on Monday, November 14. The Community Services Committee requested that Karen meet with the Manufactured Home Owners of America Association about the proposed change to stop serving manufactured homes produced prior to 1976. She is to report back after this has been done.

3) Update to Council on Funding Process: Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator, and Karen met with Terri Briere, Council President, to discuss the funding process earlier this year. They were asked to make a presentation to Council that would include the positive things that Human Services staff is doing with the agencies, such as the Meet and Greet and providing Capacity Building services. Karen is working on scheduling this.

4) Agency Meet and Greet, Thurs. Dec 1, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m: The Agency Meet and Greet will be rescheduled in January.

5) State of Human Services in South King County, Wed. Nov 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Green River Community College: Karen is working on the regional State of Human Services Committee. They are gathering data specific to South King County on food, housing, healthcare, and education employment. Speakers will discuss budget cuts in each of these four areas. The impact is expected to be dramatic and they will discuss how organizations can work together to deliver Human Services in the future.

X. SHARING: AGENCY VISITS

The Human Services Advisory Committee and Human Services staff visited Bridge Disability Ministries and Kinderling Center on Tuesday, October 18. Linda shared that the in-person visits gave her a better understanding of how the agencies are affecting lives.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Elizabeth, and seconded by Rob, to adjourn the November meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
December 20, 2011, 3:00 P.M.
Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7th Floor